GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA

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CHAITRA SAKA SCHEME TO ENCOURAGE SPORTS
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Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to encourage sports and games in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether there is any proposal to set up new sports complexes in several parts of the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise;

(e) whether the proposal of new sports complex at Munnar in Kerala is to be implemented ;

(f) if so, the details thereof; (g) the other Central schemes likely to be taken up in Kerala ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS

(SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH DHINDSA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view to encourage sports and games in the country, Govt. runs several schemes. The details of these schemes are as under :

(i) Rural Sports Programme :Under the scheme, financial assistance is provided to organise state level tournaments.In order to broad-base games and sports in the otherwise neglected areas of the North Eastern States and to tap the hidden talent which is in abundance there, the Government is organising the North-East Sports Festival every year in the North East States, turn by turn.

(ii) Promotion of Sports and Games in Schools :Under the scheme financial assistance is given to the State/UT Governments for organisation of District and State level school tournaments.

(iii) National Sports Championships for Women :Under the scheme sports festivals for women sports persons are organised in various states through the Sports Authority of India.

(iv) Sports Scholarship Scheme :Under the scheme sports persons are given State level, National level, University and College level scholarships through Sports Authority of India. The Scheme also provides special scholarships for women.

(v) Besides the said programme/schemes, a State can also be assisted for creation of sports infrastructure under the following schemes:-

(a) Grants for Creation of Sports Infrastructure;

(b) Grants for Promotion of Sports in Universities and colleges; and

(c) Grants for installation of Synthetic Playing Surfaces.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) & (f) As the proposal for setting-up of a High Altitude Training Centre at Munnar was noteligible for Central assistance, Government of Kerala were advised on 27.4.98 to submit a revised proposal for setting-up of a State Level Sports Complex at Munnar. In spite of reminder dt. 31.8.98, the revised proposal has not yet been received.

(g) No, Sir. All the Schemes mentioned in the replies to part (b) above are being implemented in Kerala alongwith other States/Uts of the country.